

REMARKS

Claims 51-57, 64, 65, 73, 74 and 88-94 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 64, 65, 73 and 74 are amended. The amendments add no new matter because they are supported by the claims as previously filed. Claims 58-63, 66-68, 70-72, 75, 76 and 78-87 are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited in those claims. Reconsideration of the application based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

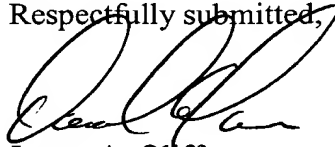
The Office Action, in paragraph 7, states that claims 51-57 and 88-94 are allowed, and indicates that claims 64, 65, 73 and 74 recite allowable subject matter. Specifically, the Office Action indicates that claims 64, 65, 73 and 74 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 51-57 and 88-94. Further, Applicants appreciate the indication of allowability of claims 64, 65, 73 and 74. Amendment of these claims to independent form is undertaken in light of this indication of allowability.

Applicants cancel the rest of the pending claims rendering moot the rejections of those claims as enumerated in the Office Action.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

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